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As children play in front of their homes at Sunridge on Milton Road, controversy brews over the continued construction of

similar "scattered site housing" projects in other parts of the city.

WPCQ-TV Looks At Scattered Site Housing

Forty-five years ago in Atlanta 604 families moved into this nation's first low-income housing project, sponsored by the P.W.A. This project and many others like it, stands feebly today as nothing more than the ghost of good intentions.

In an effort to reverse this infamous pattern, the City of Charlotte has taken an unorthodox approach which has become a rather controversial topic in the community: to scatter these projects in middle and high-income neighborhoods. This, and other aspects of low-income housing, including its evolution since 1935, will be explored in a WPCQ-TV (Channel 36) Impact Special, entitled "Anywhere But Here," which can be seen on Tuesday, March 31 at 10 p.m.

The original purpose of low-income housing was to provide temporary shelter for the needy. As Q36 Action News anchorman, Charles Fishburne, illustrates, on location in Atlanta and Charlotte, the temporary shelters were transformed into long-term residences. Sheer quantity demand overshadowed the government's concern for quality design and construction, and we may now be paying a high price for the quality sacrificed and the living standards ignored.

With Academic Potentials Special Programs Help Disadvantaged Students

Hundreds of disadvantaged students are neither flunking out nor dropping out as a result of two programs at North Carolina State University. The programs - Upward Bound and Special Services - are financed by the federal government to serve high school and university students.

The students typically come to NCSU from low-income families. They have academic potential. But their high school education may be deficient. The U.S. Department of Education is allocating more than \$200,000 a year to the programs at NCSU.

During summer sessions Burgin and his assistants tutor students, referee basketball games and counsel the students. Burgin said students accepted by Upward Bound must first meet the income and aptitude requirements. Then, after the applicant is tested and his transcript is reviewed, interviews are conducted.

Wayne M. Burgin, the NCSU director of Upward Bound, describes the program for high school students as one that helps disadvantaged students with academic potential prepare themselves for college.

"We've taken in students with high grades and others with averages that are considerably lower," Burgin noted. "Potential and attitude are the real keys to acceptance."

Twice a month during the academic year we bring selected 11th and 12th grade students to NCSU for classroom work, special tutoring and an introduction to college life," he said.

Burgin said a \$5 per diem, plus meals and an opportunity to enjoy Wolf-pack sports events, plays and concerts add to the students' incentive.

Humanitarian, Executive, Friend



Arthur E. Spears ...Died last week

loved the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company and the Mechanics and Farmers Bank with conviction and intensity and consequently he found joy in his work with these organizations - in a real sense it's our reward. Perhaps his crowning gifts were his ability to elevate those lacking his eminence and his compelling desire to see that Black people were made aware of the

Housing Fund Cuts Draw Ire

Rejecting President Reagan's proposed cutbacks in housing funds, the Chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors, Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, criticized the Administration for failing to support an alternative program aimed at providing decent housing in black communities.

Mrs. Wilson, who addressed the National Housing Summit this week in Hilton Head Island, S.C., acknowledged that federal housing policies in recent years have attempted to address the needs of lower-income families and minority groups. "But even that small percentage of the black population that can afford better housing is facing a situation that grows more serious every day - the rising costs of housing, energy shortages and high interest rates."

Mrs. Wilson also declares that a majority of blacks continue to live in "the worst neighborhoods in the nation. From the propped-up shanties in the rural areas of the South to the crime-ridden tenements in large cities, two out of every three blacks live in segregated communities throughout this country which are plagued by overcrowding, exploitation, substandard housing and inferior neighborhoods."

The NAACP National Housing Corporation sponsored the National Housing Summit that convened on March 9 and was attended by some of the foremost housing specialists in the country. The conference, which continues throughout the week, is the first attempt ever to assess the "current crisis" in black housing needs.

value of life insurance and economic security. Whenever and wherever there was injustice in Charlotte or in the state, Mr. Spears' voice was always heard and with quiet firmness he was second to none in addressing these issues and proposing rational solutions. His devotion and love for his family and his pride in them and humankind, placed him among the distinguished humanitarians of his day and generation.

Those who saw Mr. Spears in his declining days were awed by his courage and cheerfulness and his determination to manage the inevitable with the same independence, dignity and resolve with which he managed his life. His mind, like a curiosity shop, stored up odd items, or facts, history and folklore. His diversity aston-



VERSATILE RITA CAMPBELL ...Female truck driver

Rita Campbell Is Beauty Of Week

Rita Campbell is a rare beauty who has darted into a field few women even dare to peek. "I'm a truck driver at Exposaic Industries," our beauty beamed. "I drive a concrete mixer around the plant. Exposaic erects buildings."

Ms. Campbell is the only female truck driver at the industry and admits that her work is fun and exciting. "The woman of today should get out and achieve better things in life - even if it means getting a man's job," she contended. "It's about time that we prove that we are getting ahead."

At first, Ms. Campbell said the Exposaic personnel department didn't believe she could handle the job of driving a truck. "But I proved to them that I could and now I've been driving for almost two years. One has to have a strong mind and, of course, expect some hassle from

the men on the job." Our beauty is an Aquarian and a North Mecklenburg '74 graduate. She would like to stay in the line of work she now occupies. "I would like to drive cross country and eventually go back to school also. I'd like to get another skill," she stated.

Arts and crafts including ceramics, oil paintings and macrame are a few of the hobbies of Ms. Campbell. She also enjoys playing her violin. "I listen to music quite a lot and I enjoy classical and a bit of soul."

Her philosophy? "To achieve as much as you can within the time you have." And the change she wishes - "To help all the poor people to get ahead in life and to make this world a better place to live in."

Ms. Campbell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Coleman. She has two brothers, Samuel and Reginald Coleman. "Reginald is my favorite person. He's usually there when I need him."

Detra Michelle Campbell is Ms. Campbell's little girl. They attend Morning Star Baptist Church. As far as entertainment is concerned our beauty enjoys the talents of Diana Ross. "I think she has achieved a lot in the music field," Ms. Campbell observed.

Ms. Ross, however, isn't the only person to achieve a specific goal. Our beauty is also an achiever - one who dared to meet the challenge of becoming a truck driver and one who turned the challenge into a conquered delight.

Services Held For A.E. Spears
Spears is survived by his wife, Mrs. Matilda Spears, daughters, Mrs. Laura Malone and Mrs. Daisy Stroud; and one son, Arthur Spears Jr.; eleven grandchildren and other relatives and friends.

AFL-CIO Working To Defeat April Referendum

By Susan Ellsworth Post Staff Writer
"Without black city councilmen, we would not even have the programs we have now," warned Robert Corley, president of the Charlotte Central Labor Council.

Composed of delegates from up to 15 local AFL-CIO unions, the CLC endorses the District Representation system and is working to defeat the April referendum aimed at repealing it.

District Representation is the fairest way to guarantee equal representation, according to Corley.

"At-large candidates are not concerned with individual neighborhoods," he emphasized. "They try pleasing the general population by offering something for everyone."

"We would not get water, sewer...neighborhood parks without...special input from our representatives," Corley added.

Instead, southeast Charlotte spokespeople who own much of the money and exert most of the influence would be running the city, he said.

"Chances would be slim to none of getting a black in office" with at-large representation, Corley explained.

He noted that with the southeast Charlotte establishment having most of the money and political influence they could easily harness much of the power.

The four meetings will be held on March 25, April 30, May 28 and July 13. The first meeting of the series was held February 26.

The purpose of the meetings is to receive public comment on the recreational needs for the 10-year master plan being developed by Harland Bartholomew Associates, Inc., of St. Louis for the City of Charlotte. The plan is necessary to provide an overall system of facilities, services and management for recreation in the area.

As a part of the study, the consultant will: (1) analyze the City Parks and Recreation Department; (2) complete an inventory of the park system and prepare an attendance report; (3) conduct citizen participation meetings; and (4) survey local recreational interests and analyze parks and recreation needs. From the study, the consultant will develop a 10-year plan with specific recommendations for future recreation.

All interested citizens are urged to attend these meetings to actively participate in planning the future of recreation in Charlotte.

Corley said the referendum was designed to confuse people and enable the affluent southeast-Charlotte forces to dominate City Council.

Since a "no" vote means "yes" for District Representation, some voters may be confused. A "yes" vote is for at-large representation.

To retain district spokespeople, residents must mash the "no" lever and vot against the April referendum.

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Dr. Stephanie Vallentine ...Joins Dr. Webber

Dr. Vallentine To Practice Dentistry Here

Dr. Stephanie Vallentine, DDS, always wanted to be in a profession that would help people even when she was only 12 years old.

As the years passed more reasons for becoming a dentist were added - she included job security and owning one's own business, but her main focus remained - dentistry was a profession that would aid others.

"It is very satisfying to me when someone comes to me and I can teach them about oral health," Dr. Vallentine remarked.

She didn't exactly chose Charlotte to practice in, Charlotte chose her. Following her graduation from UNC-Chapel Hill Dr. Spurgeon Webber, a Charlotte dentist, asked Dr. Vallentine to join him in practice. Their office is located at 2301 Keller Ave.

Dr. Vallentine completed her B.S. at Duke University then moved on to dentistry school. If one desires to become a dentist, Dr. Vallentine advises, "be prepared to work hard."

"You also have to be aggressive in learning. You can't simply sit by and wait for others to teach you, you have to take the initiative in learning and have patience. Sometimes you have to make people teach you," she explained.

Dr. Vallentine is a native of Raleigh and the daughter of Rev. S. L. Vallentine and Elizabeth Vallentine. Her hobbies include swimming, photography, reading, and playing the flute. She is a member of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.



If a care is too small to prompt a prayer, it's too small to be a burden.